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It is requested that said documents be considered and that a copy of the enclosed IDS FORM with the Examiner's initials in the left column or with another notification that the documents have been considered, be returned to the undersigned attorney.

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